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The listed documents were cited in a Search Report dated June 1, 2006 in a corresponding European patent application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. Copies of the listed foreign documents are attached for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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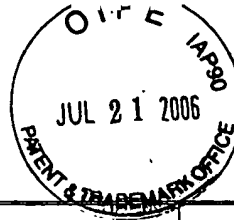
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